

PETITION -- HOUSE

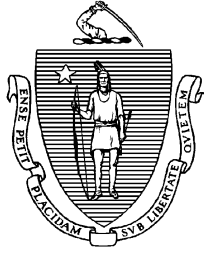
CHIEF SPONSOR:

Representative ATSALIS of HYANNIS

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
in General Court assembled.*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve.

[illegible]



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

An Act RELATIVE TO OCEAN SANCTUARIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 16 of chapter 132A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “energy” and before the semi-colon in line 15, the following words:— , provided, however, that cables which do not connect existing or new facilities located on physically separate land areas whether on the same or different coastlines which produce, deliver, or otherwise provide electric, gas, water, sewage, transportation, or telecommunications services to the public are prohibited, unless the executive office of environmental affairs makes a determination that the facility utilizing such cables does not present a coastal hazard, create adverse economic or aesthetic impacts, or significantly alter or otherwise endanger the ecology or the appearance of the ocean, the seabed or the subsoil thereof.

SECTION 2. Said section 16 of said chapter 132A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “department” and before the semi-colon in line 20 the following words:— , provided, however, that a project authorized under chapter 91 and which involves an activity, use or facility associated with the generation, transmission or distribution of electrical power and which is a pipeline, aqueduct, conduit, cable, or wire including associated

vertical support structures which are located under or over the water, and which does not connect existing or new facilities located on physically separate land areas whether on the same or different coastlines is prohibited, unless the executive office of environmental affairs makes a determination that the project does not present a coastal hazard, create adverse economic or aesthetic impacts, or significantly alter or otherwise endanger the ecology or the appearance of the ocean, the seabed or the subsoil thereof.